


# How to open WordPad

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WordPad is part of the Microsoft Windows operating system.

**Follow these step-by-step instructions on how to open WordPad**

*This article assumes that you have a PC with Windows 7 installed.*

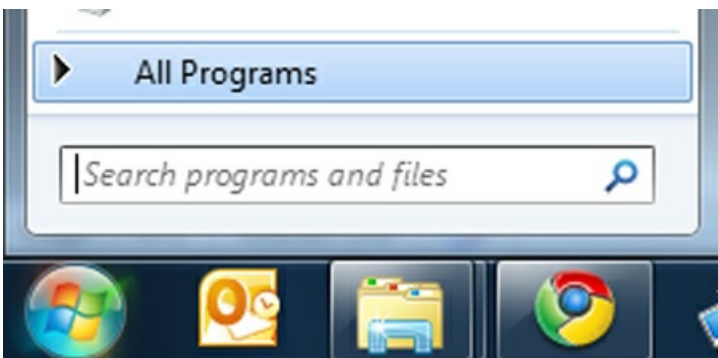
There are two ways to open WordPad:

## Method 1

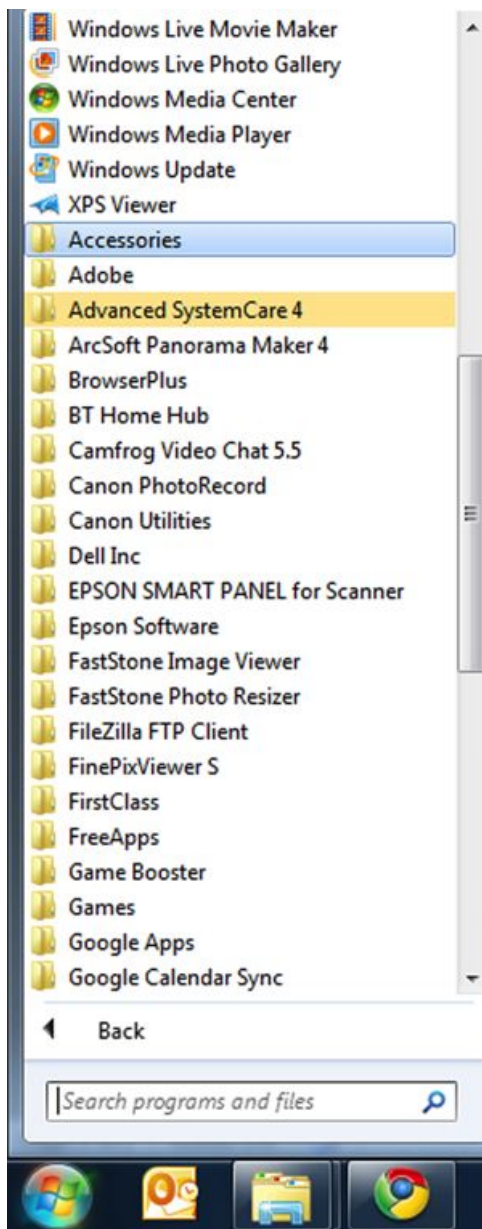


**Step 1:** Click on the 'Windows' button at the bottom left-hand corner of your screen.

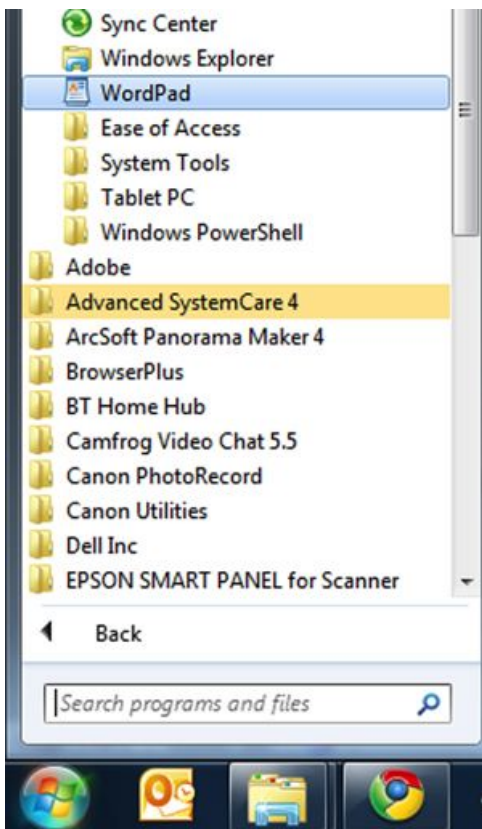
**Step 2:** In the menu that appears, click **All Programs**:



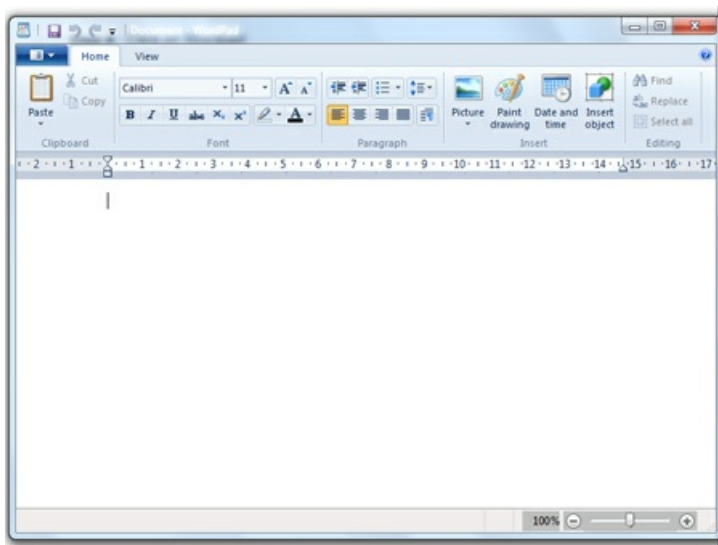
**Step 3:** In the new menu, click **Accessories**:



**Step 4:** In the Accessories sub-menu, click **WordPad**:



**Step 5:** The WordPad window now opens and you can begin using the program:



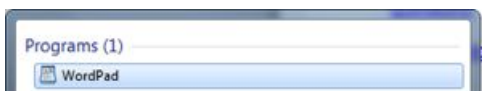
## Method 2

**Step 1:** Click on the 'Windows' button at the bottom left-hand corner of your screen (as **Step 1** above).

**Step 2:** Type 'WordPad' into the search box:



**Step 3:** Find 'WordPad' in the search results, under 'Programs':



**Step 4:** Click on this and the WordPad window opens (as in **Step 5** above)

**Done!**

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